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SUBJECT: MFA COMPLAINT

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1. EMBASSY MAY DRAW FROM FOLLOWING IN MAKING ORAL RESPONSE
TO FEDOSEYEV'S COMMENTS REPORTED REFTEL:

2. MRS. KULSKI DID NOT SPEAK INSULTINGLY TO ANYONE, DID
NOT TRY TO BRIBE ANYONE, AND DID NOT THROW HER PASSPORT AT
ANYONE. SHE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE TRAVEL RULES AND REGULA-
TIONS AND DID NOT DO ANYTHING THAT COULD CONCEIVABLY BE
CALLED UNSEEMLY.

3. IN TBILISI THE HOTEL DID NOT HAVE A ROOM RESERVATION FOR
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HER ALTHOUGH THIS HAD BEEN REQUESTED BEFOREHAND, AND SHE WAS
GIVEN A COT IN A ROOM WITH HER TWO TRAVELING COMPANIONS FROM
THE EMBASSY. AS SHE HAD CONTRACTED A VERY BAD COLD AND HAD
A FEVER, SHE ASKED THE HOTEL CLERK IF SHE COULD HAVE A
SEPARATE ROOM WITH A BED AS SHE DID NOT FEEL WELL. SHE WAS
ASKED TO WAIT IN THE LOBBY AND THE CLERK SPOKE TO THE SUPER-

VISOR. NO ROOM WAS FOUND SO SHE STAYED WITH HER TWO COMPANIONS AND SLEPT ON THE COT, WHICH DID NOT HAVE A MATTRESS AND AGGRAVATED HER ILLNESS. AS FAR AS MRS. KULSKI RECALLS, SHE PURCHASED THE AIR TICKET TO YEREVAN AT THE TBILISI HOTEL INTOURIST OFFICE, WHICH AFTER A DISCUSSION ABOUT A LATER FLIGHT, CONFIRMED THE ONE SHE REQUESTED. SHE DOES NOT RECALL ANY ARGUMENT ABOUT HER PASSPORT.

4. UPON ARRIVAL IN YEREVAN, MRS. KULSKI AND HER TWO TRAVELING COMPANIONS WENT TO INTOURIST TO CONFIRM THE RETURN FLIGHT TO MOSCOW THE NEXT DAY. RESERVATIONS FOR THAT PORTION OF MRS. KULSKI'S TRIP HAD BEEN MADE IN MOSCOW BUT WERE TO BE CONFIRMED BY HER ON ARRIVAL IN YEREVAN. AT THE INTOURIST OFFICE THE OFFICIAL SAID THE RESERVATIONS OF THE TWO TRAVELING COMPANIONS WERE CONFIRMED BUT THERE WAS NO SPACE ON THE FLIGHT FOR MRS. KULSKI. MINDFUL OF THE EMBASSY'S RULE THAT US PERSONNEL ARE NOT TO TRAVEL ALONE, AS WELL AS THE REMAINING SCHEDULE OF HER OWN TRAVEL, MRS. KULSKI MADE A SIMPLE REQUEST IN ENGLISH THROUGH THE INTOURIST GUIDE TO THE INTOURIST OFFICE TO ASK IF AEROFLOT COULD GET HER ON THE SAME FLIGHT GOING BACK. THE OFFICIAL MADE WHAT APPEARED TO BE A ROUTINE, BRIEF TELEPHONE CALL AND CONFIRMED THAT A SPACE WAS AVAILABLE. MRS. KULSKI THEN THANKED HIM AND LEFT. NO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED THEN OR AT THE HOTEL ABOUT HER PASSPORT.
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